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LIFE ON BOARD A STEAMER

DEAR EDITOR: Perhaps an account of the steamer arrangements may be of interest to those who wonder what a cruise of this kind may be like. There are approximately 500 passengers on board; some go only to Gibraltar and other ports; others will join us at various places. Some seem to be taking a leisurely trip to California, there to spend the winter. There is a special Tourist Bureau on board which is not unlike a Cook's office. A charming lady, known as the Social Director, with her assistant, takes pleasure in looking up the lonely, shy, and dissatisfied. The doctor for the passengers is a man of experience, particularly in the diseases prevalent in hot countries. He has prepared a leaflet which the company issues, giving prophylactic instructions to people travelling in the tropics. There is a regular programme prepared, providing some sort of entertainment for each day. A Camera Club has been organized, for mutual benefit and interest, with perhaps an ultimate exchange of successful results. There are to be lectures in both English and German with stereopticon views of that which is to come, so that we may enjoy intelligently the good things when we reach them. It is interesting to note that the wife of the lecturer (who is a minister, and conducts the service on Sundays) is his assistant, doing all the mechanical work of developing the pictures, and exhibiting the slides. The trip so far differs from the usual transatlantic trips, in so far that, all realizing the length of time they will be thrown together, lack the aloofness of strangers, and people are becoming acquainted quite rapidly.

Just a word for the way the Hamburg-American Line is taking care of its nurse. She has an outside stateroom which was originally two rooms. There is a real single iron bed, not a berth or a cot. There is a wardrobe, a cunning little book-case, and a real chair, besides the usual steamer washstand. The two trunks are not in the way, all of which means that her quarters are roomy and comfortable. I forgot to mention the electric fan, which, I am told, will be my best friend after we pass Port Said.

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(Miss Ehrlicher is making a trip around the world as a steamer nurse, and will occasionally send to the JOURNAL an account of her experiences. As any mention of a steamer nurse in the past has brought to the editorial office a flood of inquiries as to how such a post may be obtained, we wish to forestall them by saying that such opportunities are very rare and can only be obtained through direct communication with the steamship companies. We have no advice or information to give on the subject.—Ed.)

STUDENT LIFE AT TEACHERS' COLLEGE

DEAR EDITOR: Judging from the questions asked me by those unfamiliar with New York City or with the life at Teachers' College, this must be an interesting subject to many, especially if thinking of study here. The advantages of study which the college offers are well known, but of the benefit derived outside the regular courses less has been said. As in other cities, the depth of one's purse determines somewhat the kind of one's pleasure, but I am writing of those things possible to every student.

Informally we gain much from each other by exchanging ideas and com-